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COUNTRY East Germany

SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Movements in the Letzling Heath

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 11:40 a.m. on 5 October 1953, about 30 sidecar motorcycles, 3 armored scout cars, 3 about 70-mm AA guns and trucks carrying billeting equipment and machinery [redacted] were entrained at the Wolmirstedt railroad station by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. The shipment left toward Stendal. At 12:30 p.m., 24 T-34 tanks [redacted] 6 trucks [redacted] and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained in Tangerhuetten and left toward Stendal. 25X1
2. On 5 October, 25 tanks [redacted] and several trucks were loaded on flatcars and an undetermined number of troops on 25 to 30 converted boxcars at the Wolmirstedt railroad station. [redacted] A shipment of 8 to 10 armored scout cars and 37-mm AA guns; and another shipment of AA guns, trucks and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed at the Mahlsdorf railroad station. On 7 October, a shipment of about 14 tanks, [redacted] 1 armored scout car and several motorcycles was observed at the Rathenow railroad station, headed toward Berlin. 25X1
3. At 7 a.m. on 5 October, a train of about 60 railroad cars carrying trucks, [redacted] and sedans passed through Tangerhuetten, proceeding toward Stendal. On 5 October, about 30 BA-64 armored scout cars, [redacted] were loaded in Stendal. At 2 p.m., a shipment of about 20 trucks and another 25 trucks [redacted] leaving AT guns was seen in Genthin. At 4:30 p.m., a shipment of 50 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] was seen at the Jerichow railroad station. At 5:10 p.m., a shipment of about 50 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] passed through Schoenhausen, proceeding eastward. A short time later, it was followed by a shipment of amphibious vehicles. On 6 October, a shipment of troops and sedans, [redacted] passed through the Stendal railroad station. An auxiliary airfield, occupied by about 10 biplanes and staked out by blue-white poles, was determined between Stendal and Haemerten/Elbe. 25X1

1. Comment. [redacted] probably retransfer to Kremnitz of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Letzling Heath; [redacted] 25X1

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2. Comment. The shipment probably involved units of the 7th Gds Tank Div, the retransfer of which was also indicated in railroad records. 25X1
3. Comment. Possibly shipments of rear details of units of the Third Shock Army who, after the completion of the exercises, on either side of the Elbe River south of Stendal, were shipped to their posts. 25X1
 The auxiliary airfield is rather safely believed to have been prepared for these exercises. 25X1
4. Comment. Probably retransfer to Brandenburg of units of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig from Altengrabow 25X1

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